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Promotion of Dry Land Farming
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds made by the Union Government to various States for the promotion of dry land farming during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) the total area brought under dry land farming in the country during the said period, State-wise; and

(c) the incentives granted to the farmers for dry land farming during the said period and the success achieved in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Government is implementing the following major programmes for the promotion of rainfed/dry land farming in the Country.

I) Rainfed Area Development (RAD) as a component of National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) being implemented by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW).

II) Watershed Development Component (WDC) of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) being implemented by Department of Land Resources (DoLR).

State-wise funds released under these programmes for promotion of dry land farming and area covered during the last three years and current year is given at Annexure − I & II.

(c): Under RAD, assistance is provided to farmers for Integrated Farming System (IFS) activities and also for value addition activities like bee keeping, silage making unit, green house structures, resource conservation activities, vermi compose, post harvest storages etc. In watershed programme, assistance is provided to farmers for drainage line treatment, soil and moisture conservation, rain water harvesting, afforestation, horticulture, pasture development, livelihoods activities, etc. These programmes have helped in increasing production and productivity in rainfed/dry land areas.